

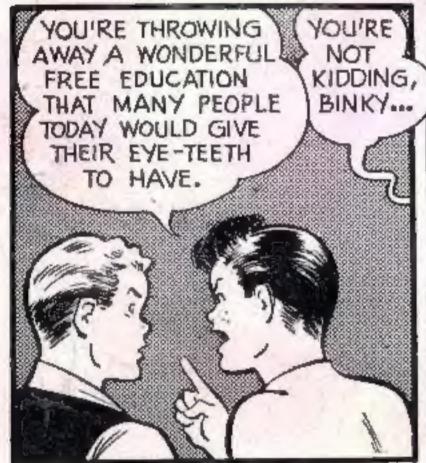
HOW COME YOU WEREN'T I WAS BUSY LINING IN SCHOOL TODAY, TIM? IN SCHOOL TODAY, TIM? I'M GONNA QUIT SCHOOL, BINKY! SCHOOL, BINKY! SAWYER'S GOOD TIME INSTEAD OF GETTING SOME PEOPL WORE BOOK KNOWLEDGE. SAWYER'S GOOD TIME INSTEAD OF GETTING SOME PEOPL YOU TO SAWYER'S GOOD TIME INSTEAD OF GETTING SOME PEOPL WORLD TO SAWYER'S GOOD TIME INSTEAD OF GETTING SOME PEOPL SAWYER'S GOOD TIME INSTEAD OF GETTING SAWYER'S GOOD TIME SAWYER'S GOOD TIME SAWYER'S GOOD TIME SAWYER'S GOOD TIME SA

AS BUSY LINING
A JOB FOR MYSELF.
MAKE SOME MONEY
GONNA QUIT
OOL, BINKY!

MOW AND HAVE A

GOOD TIME INSTEAD
OF GETTING SOME
MORE BOOK KNOWLEDGE.

SAWYER'S GROCERY STORE



THE SAME IDEA FIVE
YEARS AGO. SO I GOT
A JOB WITH SAWYER'S
AND WAS ON TOP OF
THE WORLD.



AND WHAT HAPPENED? ALL MY
CLASSMATES WHO FINISHED
SCHOOL HAVE GOOD JOBS WITH
OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADVANCEMENT--AND I'M STILL AN
ERRAND BOY AT SAWYER'S,
WITH NO



NOW I'VE GOT TO GO BACK TO WELL ... MAYBE I OUGHT NIGHT SCHOOL TO CATCH UP. TO THINK IT OVER! YE OWN CALLE.

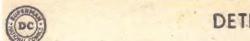
YES, EVERYBODY SHOULD THINK IT OVER--AND REMEMBER THAT EDU-CATION IS MORE THAN PUTTING LEARNING INTO YOUR HEAD. IT MAKES A BETTER PERSON OF YOU-A MORE USEFUL CITIZEN, ABLE TO COPE WITH THE PROBLEMS IN LIFE YOU'LL BE FACED WITH.



THIS PAGE IS PUBLISHED AS A PUBLIC SERVICE IN COOPERATION WITH LEADING NATIONAL SOCIAL WELFARE AND YOUTH-SERVING ORGANIZATIONS.

DETECTIVE COMICS, No. 176, Oct., 1951. Published monthby National Comics Publications, Inc., 430 Lexington Ave., New York 17, 14. Y. Whitney Ellsworth, Editor. Reentered as second class matter April 28, 1942 at the Post Office at New York, N. Y. under the act of March 3, 187. Yearly subscription in the U. S. \$1.50 including postage. Fereign, \$3.00 in American funds, For advertising rates address Richard A. Feirlon & Co... 205 E. 42nd St., New York 17, N. Y. Entire contents copyrighted 1951 by National Comics Publications, Inc. Except those who have authorized use of their names, the stones, characters and incidents mentioned in this periodical are entirely imaginary and fictitious, and no identification with actual persons, living or dead, is intended or should be inferred.

Printed in U.S.A.







"THE UNDERWORLD CRIME COMMITTEE!"





AS HOMEWARD-BOUND THRONGS MOVE
THROUGH THE GATHERING DUSK IN GOTHAM
CITY, A SHINY BLACK SEDAN WITH SHADES
DRAWN SPEEDS ACROSS TOWN AND MAKES
A SCREECHING TURN INTO A DARK
ENTRANCE ...



DOORS CLOSE BEHIND THE VEHICLE AND MIGHTY CABLES LIFT IT TO A FLOOR HIGH ABOVE THE SWARMING CITY STREETS...





THE DISTINGUISHED-LOOKING MR. VELVET STRIDES BRISKLY INTO AN IMPRESSIVE CONFERENCE ROOM AND...



IN A MOMENT, THE MAGIC OF ELECTRONICS HAS SPUN AN INVISIBLE WEB OVER SECRET CHANNELS STRETCHING FROM COAST TO COAST...

FROM BANK JOBS, COUNTERFEIT TENS AND...

ACE DOWER

IN TULL SA...

THIS IS MUG MORGAN IN

ST. LOO -- 125 GRAND IN

COUNTERFEIT TENS AND...

ACE DOWER

IN TULL SA...











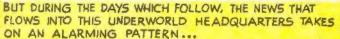






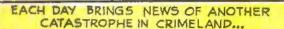










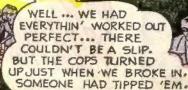




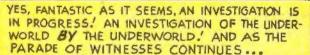
THE TIPS TO THE POLICE ARE
COMING FROM HIGH UP IN MY
SYNDICATE. IF ONLY I COULD
LEARN... WAIT.' I'VE AN IDEA.'
ORDER EVERYONE TO GOTHAM
CITY,' THIS IS GOING TO ROCK
THE UNDERWORLD.'

SEVERAL DAYS LATER, IN A SECRET MEETING HALL SOMEWHERE IN GOTHAM CITY... NOW TELL THE COMMITTEE HOW YOU WERE PICKED UP ON THE

MANTON JEWELRY JOB, RIDER!









MEANWHILE, IN THE STREETS OF THE CITY ... I'VE BEEN WONDERING

MYSELF, ROBIN! ANOTHER NIGHT AND NOT A SIGN OF CRIMINAL



BUT THERE IS GOOD REASON WHY DENIZENS OF THE UNDERWORLD ARE NOT ABOUT. LET US LOOK INTO A TYPICAL CRIMINAL HANG-OUT ..



AND AS "DAPPER TIM" TAKES THE WITNESS CHAIR IN THE HEARING ROOM ...

YOU'VE BEEN ORDERED BEFORE THIS COMMITTEE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS, WILLIAMS! I DON'T CARE IF YOU ARE THE BIGGEST OPERATOR IN THE EAST ... YOU'RE NOT BIG ENOUGH TO DEFY

IF YOU WANT ME TO TESTIFY, CALL OFF CAMERAS, VELVET! I'M-ER -- CAMERA



THUS IT IS THAT A STRANGE SCENE IS CARRIED TO SUBSCRIBERS ALONG THE UNDERWORLD NETWORK ...



AND DURING A RECESS IN THE HEARINGS ...



(DC)

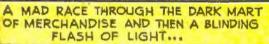
DETECTIVE COMICS













THE FOLLOWING DAY, IN THE HOME SHARED BY WEALTHY BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD DICK GRAYSON...



DETECTIVE COMICS





WITH THE PASSING SCENE BLOCKED FROM
HIS VIEW, BATMAN IS RUSHED TO THE
CRIMINAL CAPITAL...

THERE'S YOUR
FAMOUS BOY WONDER,
BATMAN ... THROUGH
THE COURTESY OF OUR
SECRET TV HOOK-UP!
CAN'T YOU TUNE IT
IN ANY BETTER,
SUNSHINE?
SUNSHINE?
SOME DAYS
AND TERRIBLE
ON OTHERS.











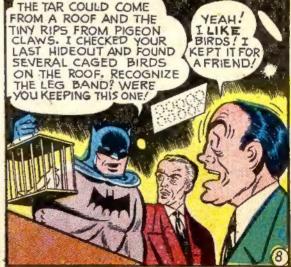






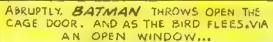






DETECTIVE COMICS















A PARADE OF WITNESSES POINTS THE



































SUNSHINE COMPLAINED OF INTERFERENCE WITH THE PICK-UPS FROM THE
MOBILE TRANSMITTER SET UP AT THE
SPOT WHERE YOU WERE HELD, THE
SCREEN INDICATED SOME STEEL STRUCTURE
BETWEEN THE TRANSMITTER AND
RECEIVER ... LIKE THIS!



BUT THE NTERFERENCE WAS AT SPECIFIC TIMES... THE BEG NNING OF THE WEEK, AT THE END OF THE WEEK RECEPTION WAS FINE. THE ONLY STEEL STRUCTURE WHICH WOLLD BE "IN THE WAY" AT ONE TIME AND NOT AT ANOTHER IS A GAS STORAGE TANK... AS THE GAS IS CONSUMED, THE TANK'S SECTION'S TELESCOPE INTO EACH OTHER ... LIKE THIS.'













ADVERTISEMENT

"GOO IS THRU SAYS BERT PARKS

TV STAR OF "BREAK THE BANK"



CLEANER TO USE ... NO STICKY HANDS, HAIR OR COMB! DIFFERENT BECAUSE IT'S

SHARER-TOP BOTTLE MONEY

HOMOGENIZED

FOR SASY FLOW

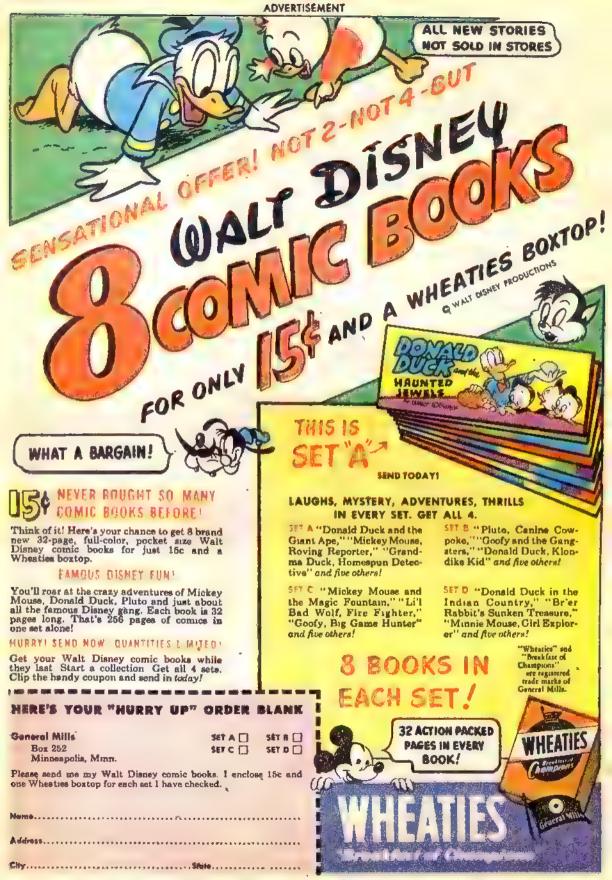
IN HANDY

it's the best cream lome ever!

> SAVE MONEY! ATT ME BOY UTE CHEAM

AND THE PARTY IN

- by Bristol-Myses, makers of ferrque Vetella



















AS ROYS PROGRAM ENDS, HIS PRETTY SECRETARY, KAREN, GREETS HIM ... HMM., NO

RETURN .

ADDRESS.

I WONDER

WHO SENT

THIS PACKAGE CAME FOR YOU JUST NOW. ROY! I'S MARKED PERSONAL AND URGENT!



IT -- IT'S A RING! DON'T TELL ME YOU HAVE A FEMININE ADMIRER ... I MEAN. ER ... ANOTHER ONE!

NO- IT'S FROM A MAN -- WITH A RATHER PUZ-ZLING MESSAGE. BRING THIS TO AN EXPERT ON AN-TIQUES, AND YOU'LL GET THE SURPRISE OF YOUR LIFE ANOTHER SEEKER OF-ODDITIES, ALBERT PRALA" HMM -- HE'S CERTAIN LY AROUSED MY CURIOSITY!



NEXT MORNING, AS ROY VISITS PROFESSOR BRUND KROBOTH, GREATEST LIVING AUTHORITY ON ANTIQUES.

IT'S UNBELIEVABLE, ROY! THIS IS THE LONG-LOST POISON RING OF THE INFAMOUS LUCREZ A BORG A! HISTOR ANS AND COLLECTORS HAVE KCHED FOR IT VAINLY FOR 600 YEARS!



WHAT PUZZLES ME IS HOW THIS FELLOW PRALA GOT IT, WHEN SO MANY EXPERTS HAVEN'T EVEN BEEN ABLE TO LOCATE A TRACE OF IT. I ... I MUST SPEAK TO HIM!

THAT MYSTIFYING I MAY FIND SOME THING FOR MY SHOW

FESSOR, IF IT'S

















YOU CAN SEE THE MACHINE IS EMPTY NOW, SORRY

















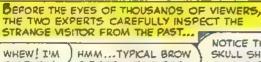


LOOK!











NOTICE THE SKULL SHAPE ... LOW AND BROAD. THE INWARD SLOPE OF THE HEAD BONES HMM ... A FEW MORE MEASUREMENTS AND WE CAN TELL DEFINITELY

MR. RAYMOND, I AM CON-VINCED! THIS MAN IS A GENUINE NEANDER-THAL TYPE!

AND AFTER A SERIES OF TESTS ... NN'I DIA FIRMLY NO CON-QUESTION VINCED ABOUT IT'S A HOAX IT! IT'LL TAKE TIME BUT I'LL PROVE IT!





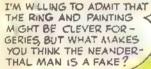






I'M SORRY, ROY, BUT
YOU'LL HAVE TO FIGHT
THIS ALONE, THE STATION
CAN'T AFFORD A MILLION
THE
OOLLAR SUIT!

NEITHER CAN I! BUT
I'M NOT TAKING ANY
RISKS, THAT NEANDERTHAL MAN PROVES
THAT PRALA'S MACHINE
IS A HOAX!



HE MADE ONE LITTLE SLIP, KAREN--ASI SHALL REVEAL LATER! BUT I MUST STILL FIND OUT HIS MOTIVE!

HUH? WH-WHAT DOES HE MEAN BY THAT?

SOME DAYS AFTERWARD ...

WHAT IN THE WORLD'S
GOING ON IN THERE, ROY.
AND WHY DO YOU LOOK
SO PLEASED WITH

PRALA HAS AGREED
TO LET ME SUBMIT
HIS NEANDERTHAL
MAN TO A LITTLE TEST
THIS AFTERNOON, AND
I'VE BEEN GETT NG
THINGS READY!

YOU'LL SEE SOON



SPEAKING OF THAT GENTLEMAN FROM THE PREHISTORIC JUNGLES, DID YOU NOTICE THIS ITEM? PRALA IS TAKING HIS CAVEMAN PAL TO PARIS HE PLANS TO EXHIBIT HIM BEFORE A CONVENTION OF SCIENTISTS.





THAT AFTERNOON ...

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOUR
RIDICULOUS TEST IS, RAYMOND...
BUT I'M LETT NG YOU CONDUCT IT IN THE INTERESTS
OF SCIENCE, WHEN IT'S OVER,
YOU'LL HAVE TO AGREE I'M

IF YOUR FRIEND
PASSES MY TEST,
I'LL WITHDRAW
MY ACCUSATION
OF FRALD, MR.
PRALA!



















YEH -- BUT

WHY DID

NORTON

DETECTIVE COMICS









TO FOOL US! NO MATTER HOW A











Editorial Advisory Board

DR. LAURETTA BENDER
Associate Professor of Psychiatry
School of Medicine, New York University

JOSETTE FRANK

Consultant on Children's Reading, Child Study Association of America



Dr. W. W. D. SONES Professor of Education and

Director of Curriculum Study. University of Pittsburgh

Dr. S. HARCOURT PEPPARD Director, Essex County Juvenile Clinic, Newark, N. J.

The following magazines all bear this trademark as your guarantee of the best in comics reading:

ALL-AMERICAN WESTERN
ALL STAR WESTERN
ANIMAL ANTICS
BATMAN
BIG TOWN
BOB HOPE
BUZZY
COMIC CAVALCADE
PALE EVANS

ACTION COMICS

ADVENTURE COMICS

A DATE WITH JUDY
DETECTIVE COMICS
FUNNY FOLKS
FUNNY STUFF
GANG BUSTERS
JIMMY WAKELY
LEADING COMICS
LEAVE IT TO BINKY

MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY
MUTT & JEFF

MYSTERY IN SPACE
PETER PORKCHOPS
REAL SCREEN COMICS
SENSATION COMICS
STAR SPANGLED COMICS
STRANGE ADVENTURES
SUPERBOY
SUPERMAN
TOMAHAWK
WESTERN COMICS

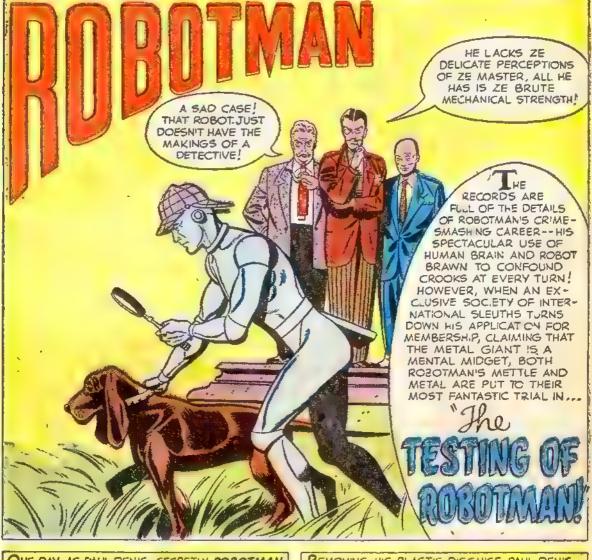
WONDER WOMAN

WORLD'S FINEST COMICS







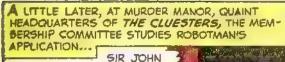




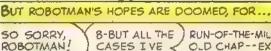


















GENTLEMEN, THIS IS A BLOW EXCELLENT! TO MY PRIDE THAT I'M NOT RETURN WILLING TO ACCEPT SO EASILY, TOMORROW EVENING AT PUT ME TO ANY TEST, AND I'LL PROVE THAT I CAN TEN OF EIGHT, AND WE SHALL DETECT AS WELL AS ANY ACCEPT YOUR OF YOU, AND THAT MY STEEL BODY IS AN CHALLENGE:



SOON, WHEN ROBOTMAN IS "WAKENED" ...





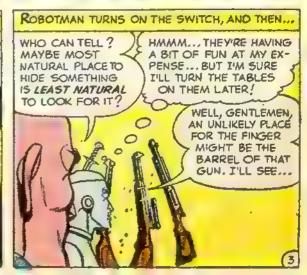




























DETECTIVE COMICS







A REPLICA OF THE

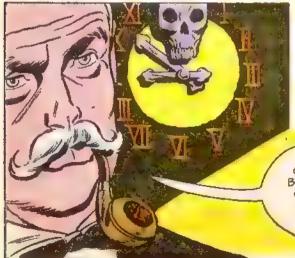
FAMOUS COLDEN

INCREDIBLE! TOO BAD

THAT YOU'VE USED ALL







YOU'VE CERTAINLY PROVEN
THAT YOUR METAL BODY IS AS MUCH
OF A HELP AS A HAND CAP, ROBOTMAN -BUT YOU HAVE WOT PROVEN THAT YOUR POWERS
OF DEDUCTION ARE EQUAL TO YOUR MECHANICAL SKILL! THERE ARE ONLY TWO MINUTES
TO GO... AND YOU HAVE NOT FOUND
YOUR MISSING FINGER!























CENTER

TOOTSIE FUDGE

NEIGHBORHOOD STORE



CARTOON

(pc)











DC:













THERE are many kinds of "hams":

meat, second-rate actors, and as they
are known by their less familiar nickname, amateur radio station operators.

Exactly why they are called "hams" is
somewhat mysterious, but perhaps since
actors are "hams," and can be considered amateur in that, respect, maybe
amateur radio station operators are called "hams" because they, too, are amateurs. But don't make the mistake of
thinking that they don't know their
business. They most certainly do!

There are 88,000 such "hams" in the United States. Most of them are people who have a flair for mechanical gadgets and are interested in electricity, radio, and things of that nature. In many cases, these amateurs have done the greater part of constructing their own sending and receiving sets.

This of course means a background of education in the field, much research, and hours of work building and testing. In order to operate such a station, government licenses must be obtained and strict requirements met. So if you are interested and would like to have your own station, make sure you find out all the details first.

One of the greatest impediments to the amateur radio operator, is the fact that frequently his set will cause interference on neighbors' television and radio sets. However, additional equipment often can overcome this interference. But the "ham" has a constant job on his hands, making sure that his broadcasting doesn't interrupt his neighbors' favorite programs.

Part of the pleasure of sending and receiving messages is the many friends that the operator makes all over the country. One operator for example, has had his set in operation for more than 15 years, and now he regards another operator some 1,500 miles away as one of his best friends, although the two have never seen each other.

Amateur radio is a hobby that is always changing; you can never tell what new experience you will come upon. Floods, fires, robberies, or other dramatic and vital events can be relayed from the locale to an operator-friend countless miles away, even before the story reaches the newspapers or regular radio stations. It's a hobby that allows east and west and north and south to share a little of their lives with each other in a fascinating way.

Many of these "hams" are not just hobbyists. Frequently, amateur radio stations are organized for persons who

American radio amateurs also have another function. Often, an alert and intelligent home operator has been in-

would like to go into radio professional.

ly. Many schools and colleges have such

stations, where their students can obtain

real practical training and experience.

strumental in saving lives and obtaining aid in time of catastrophe by means of his set. "Hams" have contributed real public services during floods, fires, war and other emergencies. This potential force was first official-

ly recognized in 1948, when a military

amateur radio system was set up by the

United States Signal Corps. This organ-

ization goes under the title of MARS—

Military Amateur Radio Systemwhich is operating on a new network control from the Pentagon Building in Washington, D.C. There are about 3,000 "hams" on this network who are thus able to provide the armed forces with emergency communication facilities in the event

of need. This group has many practice exercises and tests which keep the system in condition, and keep the amateur operators trained in military procedure. Actually, there has been this sort of civilian and military cooperation since 1926, through what was the Army Amateur Radio System. These stations were silenced at the beginning of World War

II, however. Since then, they have done

much to help expand the facilities of the

Signal Corps and the Army Airways

Communications System.

Also, these "hams" have proved very useful in home defense, as the War Emergency Radio Service under the auspices of the Office of Civilian Defense.

Today, there are two headquainers of

Army Signal Corps headquarters station, and K4 AF-AIR, which is the Air Forces station. Both of these are located in the Pentagon. The Army network is broken up into 6 "nets", one of them for each of the six continental Army areas. Further,

the MARS network; K4 USA-WAR, the

each "net" is broken up into districts, and in each district, there is the final breakdown of each individual "ham" radio station.

Thus, each member of MARS is just the smallest part of a national organization, ready to go to work at a moment's notice. The Air Forces network is similarly organized.

Every member of MARS has his own

amateur frequencies, but during the military practices, they switch over to the military frequencies with the call letter A, for Army, MARS stations. Once an amateur goes over to this frequency, he can no longer operate as a "ham", but for that period of time, he's

in the Army!

to this regional headquarters during his period on the frequency. Often, there are important messages to be delivered and exchanged so that each "ham" is required to keep a log-book of all his MARS network activities as a record.

Each MARS operator must report in

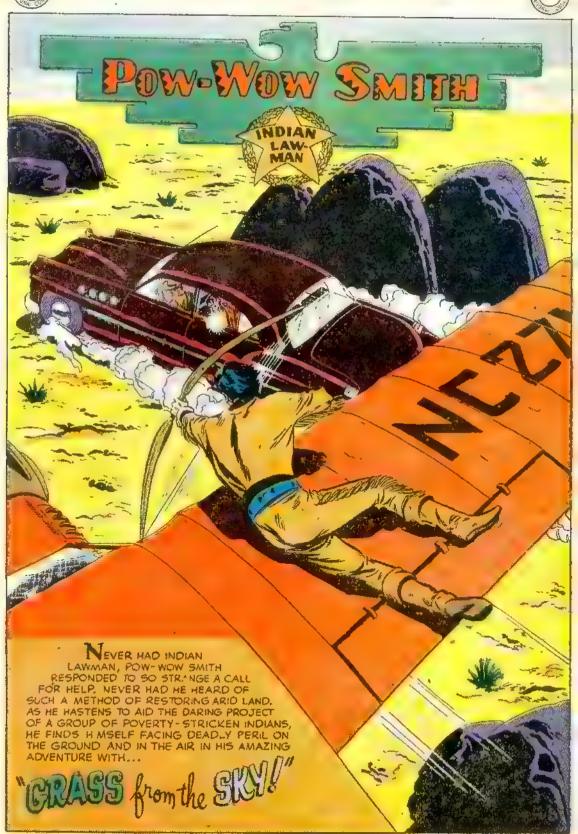
A MARS "ham" is ready at all times to be of service in case an emergency arises. Over the MARS radio have been transmitted Red Cross, military, weather, press and other important information in addition to messages of a per-

sonal nature. Yes, here is a hobby, pursued by amateurs, which offers a vital service to . their community and country...

-Ben Banks







DC



















NEXT DAY AT BIG HORN VILLAGE 200 MILES SOUTH ... WHERE FLYING CLOUDIS PEOPLE EKE A MEAGER LIVELIHOOD FROM BLANKET WEAVING BECAUSE OF THE DRWING UP OF THE GRAZING LAND WHERE THEY ONCE PROSPEROUSLY RAISED CATTLE.



THIS RAMMER-MILL POUNDS CLAY-TYPE SOIL TO POWDER. IT'S THEN BLOWN INSIDE AND MIXED WITH GRASS-SEED AND FERTILIZER! BUT LET'S GO

AND THESE MACHINES COMPRESS THE TRIBE SCRAPED TOGETHER THEIR FEW PENNIES TO BUY AND SET UP THIS MACHINERY OHIYESA!

ALL THE

MIXTURE INTO HARD PELLETS LIKE THESE, ALASA IS REPAIRING THE DAMAGE OF LAST NIGHT!

YOU MEAN --PERSONALLY, I'VE GOT A PURTY GUARDS WERE POSTED OUT-SIDE, YET SOME ONE MANAGED TO DO THAT WITHOUT BEING DETECTED? DO YOU SUSPECT ANYONE?

GOOD SUSPICION, BUT YOU MUST BE THE FAMOUS POW-WOW SMITH THAT FLYING MR. BARKIN HAS BEEN A CLOUD WENT TO FETCH! GREAT HELP I'M JED TO MY BARKIN! PEOPLE.







HE BUYS OUR BLANKETS AND SELLS THEM BY MAIL ORDER ALL OVER THE COUNTRY -- WHICH KEEPS US ALIVE!

NACHERLY! BEIN! FRIENDS WITH THESE INDIANS THIS LONG, I'D SHORE LIKE TO SEE 'EM LIVE BETTER'N



BUT YOU SAY YOU SUSPECT SOMEONE BARKIN?

I CAN'T PROVE IT, BUT LON DORMAN HAS A GOOD RANGE 20 MILES SOUTH, BIGGEST CATTLEMAN IN THE COUNTY. THIS PROJECT MEANS COMPETITION! AND HE'S SHORE BEEN TALKIN' AGIN IT!

































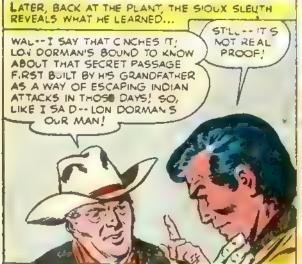




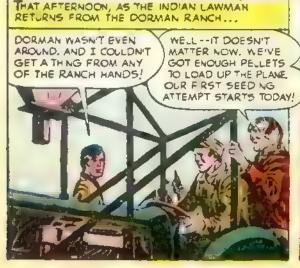






















































CAN'T RISK THIS IS AN LANDING ON ATTEMPT TO THE ROUGH BLOW US UP SO THERE GROUND DIRECTLY BELOW KIND OF TIME FUSE SINCE A BURIED AMONG ROUGH THESE PELLETS. SHOCK UNLESS I FIND IT CAN SET IN TIME -- WEIRE DYNAMITE FINISHED! OFF!

ERRIFYING MOMENTS PASS AS POW-WOW HUNTS DESPERATELY. MEANWHILE, SOME DISTANCE AWAY AT JED BARKING HOME ON THE **EDGE** OF BIG HORN VILLAGE ...











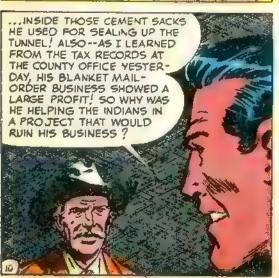


SECONDS LATER, AS THE PLANE ROARS BACK TO LIFE AND TAKES AFTER THE SPEEDING AUTO, THE DISSEMINATOR BEGINS TO DISGORGE ITS PELLETS WITH TELLING EFFECT ...











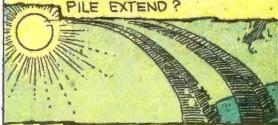
QUICK QUIZ

IN THE OLD WEST, WHY WAS THE TERM, "COYOTE" APPLIED TO A MAN CONSIDERED THE GRAVEST OF INSULTS?



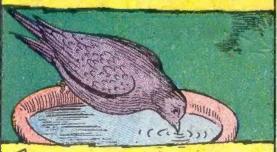
BECAUSE COYOTES ARE NOTORIOUS COWARDS! THEY ALWAYS AVOID LIVE MEN BUT ARE NEVER AFRAID TO POUNCE ON DEAD MEN!

IF A SHEET OF PAPER WAS FOLDED 54 TIMES AND THE PIECES WERE STACKED ... HOW FAR WOULD THE



Incredible as it may seem, a sheet of paper folded 54 times would reach to the **Sun** and **Back** AGAIN 185,000,000 MILES

WHICH IS THE ONLY BIRD THAT DRINKS BY SUCTION ?



THE PIGEON! ALL OTHERS MUST BEND THEIR HEADS BACKWARDS TO SWALLOW WATER

NO BOXTOPS TO SEND! CUT 'EM RIGHT OFF THE PACKAGE

RE THE ESKIMOS OF ALASKA CITIZENS OF THE U.S.A. ?



ADVERTISEMENT







GITY TONE . STATE

Job, Popularity, as you can be.



ANOTHER EXCITING RC







FEEL LIKE NEW!





